

Transportation Advisory Committee

December 14, 2016, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conf. room

Present: Bill Copithorne (DPW), Seth Federspiel, Mike Gordon, Melissa Laube, Jeff Maxtutis, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Non-members present: Ted Wilson (Schools for Children), David Watson (ARB)

Missing members: John Hurd, Wayne Chouinard, Corey Rateau,

Public Comments: none

Schools for Children traffic study. Following a request by Schools for Children, the Selectmen requested that TAC work with them on anticipated changes at 34 Winter Street (formerly Crosby School, then Dearborn Academy). Ted Wilson, Director, discussed changes to the Winter Street School. Lesley Ellis School is moving from Gibbs School to Winter Street (now Dearborn Academy, which is moving to Newton). Current staff population is 75-80 and mostly arrive by car, but student drop-off is mostly by vans. Lesley Ellis has only 30 staff, but 175 students who are largely dropped off by parents. 50-65% are Arlington residents. Staff vehicles are fewer but student drop-off will be more intense. Working Group established—Scott will lead, joined by Melissa, Corey and Howard.

Administration. Minutes of 11/9/16 approved unanimously. Other handouts were reviewed. Howard reported that Victor was approved by Selectmen to fill the seat vacated by Jeanette.

Local Speed Limits and Local Speed Safety zones. Town may adopt areas for reduced speed limits. Statutory speed limits are posted at Town borders and affect all unmarked streets. Town can change statutory speed limit to 25 mph relatively easily. Safety zones are more difficult to establish. Possibilities for Safety Zones are Jason Street at Menotomy Rocks Park entrance and Brantwood Road, Herbert Street at Magnolia Park entrance and Magnolia Street, and Lowell Street at the Reservoir. Cambridge and Somerville have both adopted statutory speed limits. Working Group was established—Jeff will organize the first meeting, joined by Seth, Victor, and Corey. Victor suggested a map showing speed limits would be helpful.

Town Issues.

- Laura reported that the ARB granted permits for 34 units at 19R Park Ave in Downing Square, and a mixed use development with 14 affordable units and ground floor retail at 117 Broadway. The ARB thanked TAC for its help in reviewing traffic issues in Downing Square. The ARB is looking for a new member. Laura and Howard will work on the Annual Report, due January 15. There has been some discussion about providing outreach and education before the new HAWK traffic signal is installed. Bill noted installation will occur in February to April time frame.
- Bill discussed Wayne's written report. 27 new trees were just planted within the Mass. Ave. Rebuild project. Complete Streets pedestrian counts were done in November along Gray Street by the Engineering Division.

TAC Social. Will take place at 8:00PM on the night of the regular January meeting (1/11/17) at the Masonic Temple. Sign-up sheet for food and drink was passed around. Cost for members will be about \$15. Howard will do invitations.

Safe Pedestrian Access at Bus Stops. Next step is to develop a prioritized list of improvements at bus stops for the Town to consider.

Speed Table at Magnolia and Herbert. Howard met with Jon Marshall, Director of Parks and Rec. Improvements to the park have been started and should be complete in June. Raised

speed table cost estimate is about \$97,000. This might also be an appropriate location for a safety speed zone. Waiting for speed and volume study from Corey.

Lowell Street at Reservoir. Wayne developed a cost estimate for safety improvements of about \$47, 500.

U-turn on Mass. Ave. West of Route 16. Sign has been installed.

Bike Share. WG consisting of Seth and Scott will meet with Jenny Raitt and Nat Strosberg of the Planning Dept. and Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine in preparation for a presentation at January 9 Selectmen's meeting. Things to be determined include number and location of stations, cost, and availability of sponsorships. There are 200 Hubway members in Arlington, comparable to the number of Zipcar members in Town when that program first got started.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for December: Agenda 12/14/16; Minutes of 11/9/16; Individual Action List 12/14/16; Project List 12/14/16.
- Memo to TAC from Marie Krepelka, Board Administrator, Re. 34 Winter Street, dated December 14, 2016
- Letter to Municipal Officials from MassDOT, Re. Speed Limits, dated October 17, 2016
- Lowell Street Preliminary Pedestrian Improvement Sketch—2
- Herbert Street/Magnolia Street Intersection Improvements Concept Sketch, December, 2016.
- Memo from TAC to Arlington Redevelopment Board Re. 19R Park Avenue Traffic Impact Study, dated November 21, 2016
- Pedestrian Counts for Gray Street
- Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard Re. TAC Update Items, dated December 14, 2016.
- Lesley Ellis Master Plan, Option-2, Landscape—Site Plan.